All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

Creative Health: The Arts for Health and Wellbeing
The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing (APPGAHW) was formed in 2014 and aims to improve awareness of the benefits that the arts can bring to health and wellbeing. During 2015–17, the APPGAHW conducted an Inquiry into practice and research in the arts in health and social care, with a view to making recommendations to improve policy and practice. Our partners in this Inquiry have been the National Alliance for Arts, Health and Wellbeing, King’s College London, the Royal Society for Public Health and
Guy’s and St Thomas’ Charity. We are extremely grateful to our funders, Wellcome, Paul Hamlyn Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Report

The Inquiry Report, *Creative Health: The Arts for Health and Wellbeing*, presents the findings of two years of research, evidence-gathering and discussions with patients, health and social care professionals, artists and arts administrators, academics, people in local government, ministers, other policy-makers and parliamentarians from both Houses of Parliament.

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The Short Report presents a summary in 16 pages. It includes the Key Messages, Recommendations and Next Steps from the full report. A number of service users and expert patients contributed to the Inquiry, many of whom returned to take part in a focus group attended by the artist, David Shrigley. David’s drawings illustrate the Short Report and this webpage.